

I am the good Shepherd.
John 10:11

The Shepherd

I AM THE DOOR OF THE SHEEP. John 10:7.

Good Shepherd giveth
for the sheep.
John 10:11

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GOD IS RICH IN MERCY

Epistle: Eph. 2: 1—9.

"But God Who is rich in mercy..."
Eph. 2:4.

If it is mercy you need, it is my privilege to tell you that there is a rich supply. God is rich in mercy. He is exceedingly rich in grace. (v.7).

How can you come to God and get this mercy? Build a road to Him on your sincerity and good intentions? That muskeg route brings only failure, and so will any road-building from this end. The road must begin at the other end. Not my goodness or deserving, but God's love and grace can span that distance and open the way to the riches of His mercy.

That road has been opened. That happened when the Word Who had been made flesh and dwelt among us paid in full the price of mercy with His blood on Calvary. Jesus Christ is the road. "I am the way, the truth and the life" (John. 14:6). Come to God by this way and you will find mercy.

No question as to the supply—no question as to the road. But do we want mercy? And will we walk in the road that leads to these riches? Are there not many who instead of praying the publican's prayer, "God be merciful to me a sinner" rather pat themselves on the back and congratulate themselves on how well they have managed in building the road and how deserving they are of God's favor? And when God seeks by His Word and Spirit to show them their sins and how far short they have fallen of the glory of God, are they not as blind, deaf, and unresponsive as dead men? They are "dead in trespasses and sins" and know not their hopeless condition. Like the Ephesians in their former state they "walk according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that now worketh in the children of disobedience." They live in the lusts of the flesh, "fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind." Despite their self commendation God describes them, and all who do not live with Christ, as "by nature the children of wrath." — By nature! With these two words God sweeps aside all false human ideas about the natural goodness of man. Man is evil, not so much from the outside as from the inside, not so much by surroundings as by nature. Since he is by nature sinful, he is also by nature a fit object for the wrath of a holy God—children of wrath. So we are by nature.

"But God..." Yes, despairing sinner, look up from yourself to God. Look at Him Who is rich in mercy for His great love wherewith He loved us." See Jesus Christ, the Road He opened from the heart of God to the heart of man. Down that road of salvation by grace, faith comes to make its home in your heart. Bid it welcome, let it in. Then let it go up again along that road to lay hold of God's mercy and to claim it for yourself in the blessed Name of Christ, your Savior-Brother. Day by day let faith go up that road to lay hold of God's promises—His grace and strength for the day. Then as it comes back to you it will be with the assurance from on high of God's power to save and to keep. And "the Spirit Himself beareth witness with our spirit that we are the children of God" (Rom. 8:16).

Thank God for the most precious thing in all the world—God's gift of grace and mercy. Precious—because it is free to us—because of its cost to God, the life blood of His only begotten Son—because of what it does for us. "But God, Who is rich in mercy, for His great love wherewith He loved us, even when we were dead in sins, hath quickened us together with Christ, (by grace are ye saved;) and hath raised us up together, and made us sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus... It is the gift of God, not of works lest any man should boast."

God's mercy in Christ. What will you

NOT FOR EXCHANGE

Idar J. Tanner

I once knew a Lutheran (Norwegian) who made the grade of an "Elder" in a Presbyterian Church. While I do not think that the Lutherans are, in general, a threat to any of the other church bodies, there are nevertheless sufficient numbers of them found in other Protestant bodies to bear out the fact that the old roving Viking spirit has its modern counterpart in the present day restlessness of some of them. Now and then during the Centennial canvass we got hot on the trail of what we believed, from the the tracks and rustling in the leaves, to be a real, live, Norwegian Lutheran only to find we had run a Methodist to the ground. It was disconcerting, but like good hunting dogs, we knew we were on a track that had, at least, a familiar scent. How were we to know they could take on the protective plumage of some other species? It was all very, very confusing—and sometimes embarrassing to the "party of the second part." It is rather too bad we could not reach all those who, with us, are the benefactors of a blessed Lutheran heritage.

The roster of the average Protestant Church, out through our strong Lutheran territory, fairly bristles with Olsons, Petersons and Larsons. They are not just "poor white trash" either. Their early training was too good for that. They are a distinct loss, and their going has hurt us. I am not going into the reasons for their leaving. They were the reasons that came from the accidents of moving about and often the lack of understanding and appreciation of what they had in the Lutheran Church. There is also the language question which played an important part earlier. Be that as it may, it is now our business to see to it that our border fences are kept in repair. There need be no further reasons for any "border incidents" and subsequent losses.

Loyalties for Life

Now and then it is a good thing to make a fresh appraisal of what we have. Some loyalties can be for no less than life. They are of such a nature that they exclude the possibility of change. They are not altered by the foibles of daily living. They are fixed like a tree to the ground. Such is the loyalty a Lutheran feels to the church of his birth. There is something sacred in a church heritage that is fundamentally bound up with life and death. One respects it without being fully able to understand or explain it. It is something akin to the feeling a man has for a Christian parent. In a Christian home this feeling becomes part and parcel of his being. In the matter of one's church affiliation, one does not choose in the way one makes a choice of social or lodge affiliation. In fact one does not choose in a matter of this kind. But one is.

In a day that is marking the breakdown of denominational barriers, and a resulting watering out of religious convictions, we need to be on our guard lest the call of the "open range" draw us away from our tried and proved Lutheran position. There are many who have heeded that call and are today the step-children of other Christian bodies. It is difficult to see how they can ever really feel at home. Theirs must be the feeling of endless sojourners in Egypt. We cannot play fast and loose with our church moorings without doing violence to something sacred in our character.

When Vision Blurs

I have been called to minister at the bedside of one time Lutherans. When the vision blurs and the spirit reaches out for

do with it? God's mercy rejected seals your damnation. God's mercy accepted brings your salvation. Friend, let not God's mercy be wasted. Taste of God's mercy and know that it is good. Amen.

—A. K. H.

firmer ground and comfort, a Lutheran pastor, somehow, answers the need best. At such times the soul reverts to type. When the serious business of life has loosened our grip on the non-essentials, we are again frightened children needing the comfort of a mother's arms. Then the voice of childhood's faith speaks with a sweet and satisfying authority. Then we know where we belong, and it is like coming home.

Our young people should be brought to realize that membership in any other denomination than their own is a distinct loss and is breaking faith with their most precious tradition. No matter what material successes may be ours, we cannot improve ourselves from a church standpoint. There is no such thing as "moving up" in a church way. It may look more attractive in some other church body, but we do not belong there—they are not our kind. The church deals with the serious business of living and dying. There is a great hue and cry in our day about socializing the church. We can get along with much less of that. The church needs all of her energy for the main business in hand—"Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel."

What the Lutheran Church Offers

Our Lutheran Church preaches the Gospel of the living Christ, whose atonement for sin, with His life blood, constitutes God's one and wholly sufficient way of redeeming a lost world. You cannot get more than that anywhere else. You can get a great deal less by making what looks like a very short move into some other church body, and that seems to be no different from our own—and "preaches Christ too." It is easy to be "taken in" unless one knows their position. The average layman sees no difference. Many of these churches and the sects say the same things we do, but they mean something else. They have learned our language and copied our methods with the purpose of attracting our people. There is always an open season on Lutherans and there is no bag limit. We have been told and have seen how other bodies have developed something that corresponds to our confirmation. Perhaps it is only to improve their instruction—but it has other possibilities.

Loyalty, after all, must be fenced. Its boundaries are clear-cut. One thing we have learned about governments in the past year is that the appeasement policy of dealing with an issue is just another way of selling out to the enemy, when that enemy is insatiable in its demands. We have a great deal to lose and nothing to gain by joining some other denomination. The Lutheran Church is unique and Biblical in her confessions. Let us remember that we already have the best. Church affiliation to a Lutheran is not an open question. His church, with her faith, is his sacred birth-right. It is feet to walk with in an uncertain world and never a thing to be bartered.

News from Camrose Lutheran College

The evening of Friday, June 18th, was a memorable one for fifty-six students of the Camrose Lutheran College who met in the Camrose Lutheran church. The festive occasion was the thirty-second annual commencement of the school, and the graduating class was the largest in the school's history.

At precisely eight o'clock the sixty members of the College Choir marched up the aisle of the church and arranged themselves at the front. When Edwin Marken, with baton in hand, took his place, and the pianist struck the key of F on the piano, the program was under way. The choir chose as their opening selection F. Melius Christiansen's "Good Tidings to Zion". The choir sang well that night. One reason for this was that many of the choir members had their parents in the audience and another reason was that this was their last performance. The soul-stirring strains of

Christiansen's "O Sacred Head" and "Sing Praise To God" filled the church. As a fitting climax to the choral performance the choir sang "Day is Dying in the West" and "Now the Day is Over".

During the intermission which followed the choir concert the graduates, faculty and special guests assembled in the church parlors to prepare for the academic procession. There was much bustling around as the graduates pinned pink roses on their lapels and flowing dresses — and the girls made sure that their curls were just so. Then, as Mr. Ole Hatlen played the processional, the colorful group of young people marched up the aisle and took their allotted places on the platform. The singing of "O Canada" had a special ring that night as these fifty-six young Canadians sang, and, as they sang, dreamt of the part they were to play in the future of their motherland.

A moment of silence followed the singing of the national anthem. Then our pastor, Rev. A. H. Solheim, read from John 6 and lifted our hearts in prayer to God to invoke a special blessing upon the young people gathered there.

During the course of the evening short speeches were given by four members of the graduating class. They were Joan Henderson (salutatorian), Daniel Bergsagel (valedictorian), Edward McKinstry (presenter of the Key of Wisdom) and Jorun Skog who received the Key of Wisdom on behalf of the grade eleven class.

The guest speaker of the evening was the Rev. K. Bergsagel of Winnipeg. In his address to the young people he showed how the Greeks in their ancient civilization had had their roots grounded in the beautiful and harmonious, — but that this was not enough for a well-rounded and well-balanced life. To live fully, the speaker said, young people must have their lives rooted in God.

The Camrose College Male Octette sang two numbers during the course of the evening, and Mrs. Hatlen played a piano solo.

The diplomas were presented to the members of the graduating class by the principal, Georg Moi, assisted by the treasurer, E. M. Bergh.

The festivities of the evening did not end with the singing of "God Save The King". The graduates, together with their parents, were then invited to the College where a committee had prepared a luncheon. The dining-room had been beautifully decorated under the able guidance of the dean of girls, Miss Ellen Kasberg. And we must not forget the lovely way in which the church had been decorated with buckets of lilacs and other flowers together with other paper trimmings.

In the College dining-room the guests were served lunch and entertained by the members of the class as they sang their class song. Much hand-shaking took place that evening as the graduates introduced their parents to the members of the faculty and other friends. 'Twas midnight before the festivities of the day ended.

During the night it rained heavily with the result that the alumni picnic scheduled for Saturday was more or less washed up. But the sun did come out for awhile during the afternoon to greet the alumni and the graduates as they gathered on the ball-diamond to play the traditional ball-game. The alumni being older of limb lost to the younger and fleet of foot graduates. The picnic lunch which was to have been eaten outdoors was served in the class-rooms. The wet weather did not seem to dampen the spirits of the young people very much.

The seven o'clock bell that evening summoned us all to the dining-room where a sumptuous banquet awaited the hungry. Our matron, Stella Gunderson, had prepared a lovely repast. The banquet lasted four hours, but you mustn't think that we ate steadily all that time. The courses were intermingled with music and stories and the reading of the prophecies of the graduates by the prophets. The delightful program was arranged by the president of the alumni association, Miss Helen Mag-

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The Master's Touch

In the still air the music lies unheard;
In the rough marble beauty hides unseen;
To make the music and the beauty needs
The master's touch, the sculptor's chisel keen.

Great Master, touch us with Thy skillful hand;

Let not the music that is in us die!
Great Sculptor, hew and polish us, nor let,
Hidden and lost, Thy form within us lie!

Spare not the stroke. Do with us as Thou wilt.

Let there be naught unfinished, broken, marred,

Complete Thy purpose, that we may become

Thy perfect image, Thou our God and Lord.

—Horatio Bonar.

Edmonton Circuit Meeting

The Edmonton Circuit met in Lea Park, Rev. Theo. Bergee's parish, June 22—23. The heavy downpours of rain made the roads almost impassable, yet many attended. We who were visitors received a very fine welcome from the pastor and the people of the congregation. A record number of subscribers were received for the "Shepherd". We trust you folks in Lea Park have received your first copies of this paper by the time this report is printed. We want to tell you again how much we enjoyed our stay with you; and we pray that God might richly bless the good seed sown at this meeting. As we saw the large field which Rev. Bergee is called to serve we realized better the difficulties with which he has to contend; and it was a challenge for us to pray the Lord of the harvest to send forth more laborers into His vineyard. The opening sermon was preached by Rev. M. S. Johnson. The theme for the convention, was Sanctification. This was introduced by the undersigned. Pastors Vinge, Bergee, and Johnson also took part in the discussion of this theme. Rev. Berge gave the confessional address and had charge of the communion service.

J. B. Stolee, Sec'y.

Mission Festival

The Fertile Plains and Foremost Lutheran Congregations, Rev. M. E. Arneson, pastor held a joint open-air mission festival at the John Happel home near Foremost

neson. During the course of her remarks to the people assembled she read a letter of greeting from our beloved principal, Chester A. Ronning, now engaged in work with the R.C.A.F.

A graduate of twenty-nine years past, George Hendrickson of Bardo, was present at the banquet and greeted us. His eldest son was a member of the present graduating class, so you see, the College is now entering the era of second-generation graduates. This is not the first son or daughter of a former graduate to leave our halls.

We hope this little article will interest all our friends and especially those of you who have walked in and out of these doors. We solicit your prayers and support so that your school may grow and prosper and fulfill the purpose for which it was built. May God bless you all.

Alberta, on Sunday June 27. Evangelist Philip Hanson of Calgary and Rev. and Mrs. R. Olson of Claresholm were guest speakers.

The Foremost choir, sextettes, quintettes, quartettes, trios, duets, soloists, vocal and instrumental, provided music selections for the sessions. An offering of \$54.77 was given to Lutheran World Action.

Marvin E. Arneson.

Southern Alberta Circuit Convention

Centering meditations on the theme "The Holy Spirit At Work Today" based on John 15: 26—16:14, the Southern Alberta Circuit met in convention at Enchant, Alberta on June 13—15. The Enchant and Ibbestad congregation, Raymond Olson, pastor, were the co-hosts.

The Convention opened Sunday morning with District president Iversen bringing the message. The afternoon session was set aside for the WMF. At this session Mrs. Russel Berg, Claresholm, circuit president presided. Miss Ida Johnson, parish worker in Calgary, spoke on some of her experiences in the field of Christian education. Rev. Arneson of Medicine Hat spoke on "Women of the Bible". A communion service was held Sunday evening with Rev. R. Olson, in charge. Pastor Arneson gave the confessional address.

The Convention theme was introduced by Dr. Iversen.

Evangelist Philip Hanson of Calgary conducted Bible Studies Monday and Tuesday mornings. He also took part in the discussion of the theme. A Norwegian Service was held on Monday afternoon with Dr. Iversen bringing the message.

At the business session the following elections took place: President: Rev. R. Olson; Vice-Pres., Philip Hanson; Secretary, Anker Berg; Treasurer, Odin Berg.

O. J. Berg was elected contact man and delegate at large to District convention.

W.M.F. elections as follows: President, Mrs. Russel Berg, Claresholm, re-elected; Vice-Pres., Mrs. A. Fjordbotten, Granum; Sec.-Treasurer, Miss Nicolene Otteson, Enchant; Mission Box Secretary, Mrs. Fred Enbysk, Granum; Thank Offering, Mrs. Olson, Calgary; Cradle Roll Secretary, Mrs. Ellefson, Enchant; Federation Historian, Mrs. Morris Berg, Claresholm.

—M. E. Arneson.

The Spring Convention of the Saskatoon Circuit was held at the Spring Creek Church, Hanley, Sask., June 18—20.

The opening sermon was preached in the Norwegian language by Pastor A. T. Hjortaa on Friday morning. He chose Luke 7:36—47 for his text. He stressed our great need of Christ and invited his hearers to come to Jesus.

In the afternoon Pastor Lokensgaard introduced the convention theme, Isaiah 55: 1—7. He said that the thought of this portion may be summed up in the words, "Come to Jesus". He closed his sermon with a stirring appeal to the listeners to accept God's invitation.

Pastor Aarestad continued the discussion. He stressed that in Christ only can happiness, joy and peace be found.

Friday evening was Luther League evening. Student Galen Morstad was the speaker and the local Luther League supplied the music.

Student Morstad spoke on verses 10 and 11. He used the illustration of rain falling on different places rock, hard ground, and soft ground. Just so the Word of God falls on stony hearts, on hard hearts, and on soft hearts. (The soft heart is the work of the Holy Spirit).

On Saturday morning Mr. L. O. Walstrom, from Watrous, continued the discussion of the theme. He pointed out that we should be thankful to God for the material blessings as well as for the spiritual blessings.

Pastor Hjortaa spoke briefly. He reminded us that we are ambassadors for Christ and as such we should conduct ourselves as His true representatives.

In the afternoon, Dr. J. R. Lavik, Dean of Luther Theological Seminary, Saskatoon spoke to us. He based his sermon on verses 6 and 7 of the theme. He stressed the importance of seeking the Lord while He may be found.

We are to seek the Lord through His Word because that is the way He lays hold on us. We are to seek the Lord in prayer because that is our response to the Lord when He speaks to us through His Word.

At the business meeting the following

officers were elected: President, Pastor Lars Knudson, Hanley; Vice-president, Pastor Hjortaa, Macrorie; Secretary-treasurer, Pastor Aarestad, Watrous; Financial-sec'y, Mr. S. D. Brun, Strongfield.

Saturday evening was W.M.F. evening. Mrs. Lavik, the W.M.F. Circuit president had charge of the program. Dr. Lavik gave a very impressive talk on the importance of missions.

A paper prepared by Mrs. B. O. Lokensgaard entitled, "An intelligent Church Membership" was read by Mrs. Knudson.

Mrs. Evenson gave a very interesting talk on how the Ladies Aid work is carried on in Madagascar.

On Sunday morning Holy Communion was celebrated. Pastor Knudson gave the confessional address and officiated at the altar. Pastor Lokensgaard preached the sermon based on the text for the day, Matt. 28: 16—20.

In the afternoon Pastors Hjortaa, Lokensgaard and Knudson gave short talks. Student Galen Morstad gave a short talk on "The Church of My Fathers". He brought back to our memories the rich heritage that has been handed down to us from our forefathers.

The young people of the Spring Creek congregation furnished excellent singing during most of the sessions. The Morken quartette, consisting of Mr. and Mrs. Carsten Morken, Selma and Thorlief Merken rendered several beautiful selections. Mr. and Mrs. Carsten Morken favored us with several duets. There were solos by Carsten Morken, Miss Olga Anholt and Miss Marrian Hendricks. (The latter two are from Outlook). Beside these the Spring Creek choir rendered several numbers.

The Spring Creek Ladies deserve a hearty thank you for their efficiency in ministering to our bodily needs.

We wish to thank all those who in any way contributed to the success of this convention. May God bless you and reward you for your efforts.

Our prayer is that the Word that was sown so richly at the convention may continue to grow and bear fruit unto eternal life.

—Lars Knudson.

OLE H. BENSON

A highly respected farmer of the Margo district passed away quite suddenly at his home on May 8. He was a staunch supporter of the Norwegian Lutheran Church and was a willing worker in many branches of the work. He will surely be missed by the Moe Congregation.

He was born at Canyon, Minnesota on March 31, 1870. He came to Canada in 1906 and has resided at Margo for the past twenty-seven years. He leaves his wife, seven sons and four daughters, also seventeen grandchildren.

"Seek ye the Lord while He may be found, call ye upon Him while He is near." Isaiah 55: 6.

Mr. and Mrs. Hans Stegen

The hamlet of Idlesleigh was the mecca for a gala affair on Sunday afternoon, May 23, when one hundred and fifty relatives and friends gathered to help Mr. and Mrs. Hans Stegen celebrate their fiftieth wedding anniversary.

Those present assembled first for worship in the Idlesleigh Lutheran Church, where an appropriate sermon was delivered by the pastor, the Reverend Marvin E. Arneson of Medicine Hat. Special vocal music was rendered by a girls' quintette, accompanied by the organist, Mrs. Larson. Special violin accompaniments were played by Fremont Stegen, grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Stegen.

Immediately following the service of worship, they all gathered at the Idlesleigh community hall, where a program of vocal and instrumental music, readings, and a community sing was enjoyed, with Mr. Carl M. Olson as master of ceremonies. Following this refreshments were served.

The hall was beautifully decorated with blue and gold streamers, emanating from a large golden bell hanging overhead. The table for the guests of honor was made conspicuous by its simple beauty, with golden centrepieces, two wedding cakes, and a profusion of flowers.

Mr. and Mrs. Stegen have been residents of the Idlesleigh community since 1910, coming from Spring Grove, Minnesota. The fact that they are highly esteemed in their community was evidenced by the large assembly of friends, and the many gifts they received.

—M. E. A..

JOHN J. AMUNDRUD

One of the earliest pioneers and most highly respected citizens of the Aylesbury district, John J. Amundrud, passed away in hte Craik Community Hospital Sunday morning, May 30th, following an illness of several weeks.

Deceased was born at Velsæt Hedemarken, Norway, April 24th, 1863. He came to Sheldahl, Iowa, in 1881. The following year he went to Cavalier County, North Dakota where he homesteaded. In 1892 he married Boel Gronhovd, who predeceased him in 1940. In 1906 he moved with his family to Canada and settled on a farm adjoining the village of Aylesbury, Sask., where he made his home continuously until the time of his death. A daughter, Martha, died in 1936. The surviving sons and daughters are: Joseph, Aylesbury; Borghild, Mrs. P. L. Windh, Japsper, Alta.; Oscar, Aylesbury; Martin, Choceland, Sask.; Henry, Red Deer, Alta.; Albert, Aylesbury; Clarence, RCAF., Calgary, Alta.; Josephine, Mrs. A. G. Holt, Lethbridge, Alta. One sister, Mrs. L. E. Oie, lives at Watrous, Sask.

Funeral services were conducted on Wednesday, June 2nd, from the Aylesbury United Church by Rev. H. L. Urness of Bulyea, Sask., a personal friend of the deceased. Rev. E. Smith of Craik assisted. Scores of early settlers and friends attended. The numerous and beautiful floral tributes were true evidence of the high regard and esteem in this member of the community was held.

Rev. Urness used Jer. 6, 16 as text, and in fitting manner spoke of the deceased's primary concern over spiritual matters and of his true Christian way of living. He also praised his pioneering spirit and remarked that the deceased and men of his courage had been greatly responsible for the development of the Canadian Plains. The last rites were performed in the Aylesbury cemetery and burial was made in the family plot.

Relatives in the United States, in memoir of the deceased, gave \$19.00 divided between Saskatchewan Lutheran Bible Institute, Outlook, Sask., and the District church paper, The Shepherd.

Peace be with the dust and blessed be his memory.

—Josephine.

EN ANMODNING FRA BERGE ØVERLAND SJØMANNS- PREST I MONTREAL, KANADA

"21 juni, 1943

Kjære Pastor Vinge:

Jeg har lenge tenkt jeg skulde skrive til Dem og be Dem ta inn en notis til prestene i den lutherske kirken i Canada. Det hender fra tid til annen at her dukker op en soldat i den canadiske arme eller flygevaapen, som kommer fra norske menigheter ute i vesten. Men det er etter meget strev de kommer saa langt som hit, gjerne etter aa ha veret her i byen i mange maaneder, saa de er blitt saa pass gjendte at de spør seg frem til at der virkelig er en norsk luthersk kirke her.— Vi vilde saa gjerne faa gjort litt for disse, om vi bare visste om dem, og kunde faa tak i dem. Saa her kommer altsaa min anmodning til Dem.

Kunde ikke De gjennom Hyrden be de nohske prester at de sender meg en liten melding om hvem det er fra deres menigheter som kommer hit, enten det er til armeen eller til flygevaapenet, med navn, gjerne nummer, og navn paa leiren. Saa vil jeg sette meg i forbindelse med disse karene her."

Her har vi en gylden anledning. La os bruke anledningen. La Pastor Øverland, Montreal faa rekke en hjelpende haand til vore egne som har meldt sig i landets tjeneste.

—V.

"Visselig burde vi vaakne op av vor indbildning om at Guds naade skal vere avhengig av os, vor fromhet, vore egne gjerninger."

Midtre Saskatchewan Lutherske Indremissions forening vil afjølde et tre dages mote i Betania menighet Viscount, Sask., Pastor R. H. Hofstad kald den 30—31 Juli og første August. Kome og ver med os de dage til felles opbyggelse i vor allerhelligste tro. Bed for dette møte.

Mandius Olson
Pastor L. O. Tysseland.

CONVENTION JOURNAL

Canada District

The Convention began with divine service at 10 A.M. on Thursday, July 1. Opening prayer by Rev. A. M. Vinge, followed by Hymn No 1 in Convention Hymnbook. The Altar service was conducted by Dr. I. Iversen. Hymn No. 20. Rev. J. A. Korshavn of Weldon, Sask., preached the opening sermon, based on Hebrews 12:1-2. Hymn 24. Zion Lutheran Girl's choir sang "Beautiful Savior." Collect for Word and Benediction. Hymn 26. Closing Prayer.

Announcements and short greetings of welcome were given by Dr. I. Iversen and Rev. B. O. Lokensgard.

The President then declared the convention called to order in the Name of the Triune God. He appointed the following Committees:

Registration Committee: Rev. J. B. Haave and Rev. M. B. Odland.

Equalization Committee: Rev. P. Lerseth and Rev. J. B. Stolee.

Dr. I Iversen then presented his report as found on page 69 of the annual report. Announcements and Benediction.

Thursday Afternoon, 2 o'clock.

Hymn No. 9 in Norwegian.
Devotion by Rev. G. J. Ostrem who read Psalm 46.

Hymn 9: 5-7.
Dr. Iversen then continued reading his report and also a supplementary report.

The president then read a greeting from Rev. J. J. Akre.

Minneapolis, Minn.
June 28, 1943.

To The Norwegian Lutheran
Church of Canada
Dr. I. Iversen, President.

Dear Brethren:

Grace and Peace!
It is with mingled feelings of joy and sorrow that I greet you at your Convention at Saskatoon. I rejoice as I see the work of our Church, in the Kingdom of God, continued in Canada. Vacancies being filled by new workers. God answering our prayers to send labourers into his harvest. Matt. 9:38. But sad to feel that I no longer am able to be with you in the work in which it was my joy to have a part. May God be with you and bless your convention, and may brotherly love prevail in all your deliberations.

Yours brother in Christ
J. J. Akre.

Dr. J. A. Aasgaard then addressed the convention.

Hymn 11: 1-2.
It was moved and seconded that the working committee consist of five members. Carried.

It was moved and seconded that the resolution committee consist of three members. Carried.

The District Treasurer's report was given by Rev. E. B. R. Haave.

It was moved and seconded that the treasurer's report be accepted subject to auditing. Carried.

The following auditors were elected: H. H. Johnson and Rev. H. F. Johnson.

Dr. J. R. Lavik gave a report on the work of Luther Seminary, Saskatoon. It was moved and seconded that the report be received and referred to the committee for consideration. Carried.

Dr. I. Iversen read a communication from the Pension Board. It was referred to the committee. Dr. Lavik suggested that the committee take under advisement the relation of this pension plan to the Canadian Income Tax.

A report from the Bethany Sunset Home was then read by Dr. I. Iversen. It was moved and seconded that the report be referred to the committee.

Rev. J. B. Haave, Circulating manager of "Hyrden" gave a report on the circulation and financial status of the paper. It was moved and seconded that the report be accepted with thanks. Carried.

The following were elected to report to papers: Lutheran Herald, Rev. M. Arneson; Lutheraneren, Rev. G. Aarestad; Local paper, Rev. B. O. Lokensgard.

Report on election of nominating Committee was as follows:

Camrose Circuit: Rev. A. K. Odland;
Edmonton Circuit: Rev. A. M. Vinge;
Manitoba Circuit: Rev. K. Bergsagel;
Moose Jaw Circuit: Rev. A. K. Haugen;
Peace River Circuit: Mr. B. Velve;
Prince Albert Circuit: Mr. G. Haugen;

Saskatoon Circuit: Mr. H. Hendrickson;
So. Alberta Circuit: Rev. R. Olson;
Swift Current Circ.: Rev. K. A. Knutson
Yorton Circuit: Rev. G. J. Ostrem.

Vesper services were conducted by Rev. M. S. Johnson of Edmonton. The theme of his meditation was "The Law of Christ" based on Gal. 6:2. Hymns 17 and 21 were sung.

Lord's prayer and Benediction.

Thursday evening.

Hymn 5, 14, and 3.
Scripture reading and prayer by Rev. A. H. Solheim. He read James 1: 17-27.

Hymn 32.
Address: "Faith of our Fathers": its chief traits." by Dr. J. R. Lavik.

Hymn 47.
Lord's Prayer and Benediction.

Friday Morning.

Norwegian Devotion opened with hymn No. 9.

A period of prayer.
Hymn 13: 1-4.

Meditation based on John 17 by Rev. A. K. Odland.

Hymn 13: 5-6.
The minutes were read and accepted.

Dr. N. Willison spoke to the convention on the work of the Canadian Commission for War Services. He extend a greeting from our chaplains. Dr. Iversen thanked Dr. Willison for his words.

Dr. A. J. Bergsaker was welcomed to the convention.

Dr. J. R. Lavik called attention to the Seminary Bulletins and urged our people to remember in prayer and interest young men for the ministry in our church.

Dr. A. J. Bergsaker expressed thanks for the welcome given him. He announced that the N.L.C.A. would comply with the request of the Canadian Commission with regard to the World Action offering.

*Elections**Working Committee.*

The following were elected on this Committee: Rev. K. O. Kandal, Rev. H. L. Urness, Rev. J. S. Stolee, Mr. A. J. Flotre, and Rev. H. F. Johnson.

Resolution committee.

The following were nominated by the committee: Rev. A. H. Solheim, Rev. M. Arneson, and Rev. G. Aarestad. It was moved and seconded that nominations cease. Carried. The nominees were elected.

*District Officers.**President.*

Nominating committee nominated Dr. Iver Iversen.

Moved, seconded and carried that nomination cease.

Moved, seconded and carried that the secretary cast the unanimous ballot of convention for Dr. I. Iversen.

The secretary cast the unanimous ballot for Dr. I. Iversen as president of Canada District for a term of six years.

Vice-president.

The nominating committee nominated Rev. K. Bergsagel.

Rev. G. O. Evenson was nominated from the floor.

Moved seconded and carried that nominations cease.

Ballots were distributed.

Secretary.

Nominating committee nominated Rev. J. T. Dahle.

Moved, seconded and carried that nominations cease.

Rev. J. T. Dahle elected for two year term.

Assistant Secretary.

Nominating committee nominated Rev. L. Knudson.

Moved, seconded and carried that nominations cease.

Rev. L. Knudson was elected.

Treasurer.

Nominating committee nominated Rev. E. B. R. Haave.

Moved and seconded that nominations cease.

Rev. E. B. R. Haave was elected.

Lay members on Church Council.

The nominating committee nominated

Mr. Geo. Moi.

Ludvig Peterson was nominated from the floor.

Moved, seconded and carried that nominations cease.

Ballots were distributed.

It was moved and seconded that election of Alternate member of Church council be postponed until results of election were known. Carried.

Stewardship Secretary.

Nominating Committee nominated Rev. A. M. Vinge.

Moved, seconded and carried that nominations cease.

Rev. A. M. Vinge was elected.

The result of election for Vice-president was brought in, Rev. K. Bergsagel won election.

Moved, seconded and carried that the secretary cast the unanimous ballot of convention for Rev. Bergsagel.

The secretary cast the unanimous ballot of the convention for Rev. K. Bergsagel for vice-president for a term of two years.

Board of Trustees.

Nominating committee nominated Rev. A. K. Odland.

Moved, seconded and carried that nomination cease.

Moved, seconded and carried that the secretary cast a unanimous ballot for Rev. A. K. Odland.

The secretary cast the ballot for Rev. Odland as member of board of Trustees for a term of three years.

Nominating committee nominated Mr. H. L. Egland.

Moved, seconded and carried that nominations cease.

Moved, seconded and carried that secretary cast unanimous ballot for Mr. Egland.

The secretary cast the ballot of the convention for Mr. H. L. Egland as member of Board of Trustees for a term of three years.

On basis of election returns Dr. Iversen declared Ludwig Peterson member of Church Council for term of six years.

Alternate Memembr of Church Council.

Nominating Committee nominated A. Lewis.

S. Ness was nominated from the floor.

Bennie Velve was nominated from the floor.

Moved and seconded that nominations cease. Carried. Ballots were distributed.

Board of Education.

Nominating committee nominated Rev. G. O. Evenson.

Rev. H. L. Urness was nominated from floor.

Moved, seconded and carried that nominations cease.

Ballots were distributed.

Mr. S. Ness was declared Alternate Member of Church Council on basis of election returns.

Board of Parish Education.

Nominating Committee nominated Rev. A. M. Vinge, Rev. J. B. Stolee, and Rev. M. S. Johnson.

Moved and seconded that nominations cease. Carried.

The nominees were elected for term of one year.

Board of Home Missions.

Nominating committee nominated Rev. A. K. Knutson.

Moved, seconded and carried that nominations cease.

Rev. K. A. Knutson was elected to term of three years.

Nominating committee nominated Mr. Peter Frostad.

Moved, seconded and carried that nominations cease.

Mr. P. Frostad was elected to term of three years.

Board of Charities.

Nominating committee nominated Rev. K. O. Kandal.

Moved, seconded and carried that nominations cease.

Rev. K. O. Kandal was elected to term of three years.

Board of Management of Shepherd.

The nominating committee nominated the Board of Home Missions.

Moved, seconded and carried that they be elected.

Editor of Shepherd.

The Nominating Committee nominated Rev. A. M. Vinge.

Moved, seconded and carried that nominations cease.

Rev. A. M. Vinge was elected.

The president declared Rev. H. L. Urness member of the Board of Education on basis of election returns.

Business Manager of Shepherd.

The Nominating Committee nominated Rev. J. B. Haave.

Moved, seconded and carried that nominations cease.

Rev. J. B. Haave was elected.

Rev. J. B. Stolee and Rev. P. Lerseth begged to be excused from duties of Equalization committee because of other committee work.

Move, seconded and carried that they be excused.

Rev. A. H. Strand and Rev. L. Knudson were nominated from the floor.

Moved, seconded and carried that nominations cease.

Rev. A. H. Strand and Rev. L. Knudson were elected.

Rev. J. B. Stolee reported on the work of the Board of Parish Education and presented a number of resolutions.

It was moved that report be received and considered at a later time. Seconded and carried.

Announcements.

Lord's Prayer and Doxology.

Friday Afternoon.

Hymn in Norwegian, No. 5.
Devotion — John 15: 9-17. Mr. P. Frostad.

Hymn in Norwegian, No. 6.

Rev. P. Overlid of the Lutheran Free Church brought a personal greetings to the convention. Dr. Iversen responded with suitable words.

Rev. A. M. Vinge, Editor of Shepherd, then presented his report.

The report was followed by a discussion on the paper.

Hymn 27: 1-2.

Rev. K. Bergsagel, presiding.

Rev. A. K. Haugen of Torquay presented a paper of the subject: "What is a Christian Congregation?"

A discussion of the subject followed, the following taken part: Dr. I. Iversen, Dr. Bergsaker, Mr. Frostad, Rev. Vinge, Rev. Korshavn, Mr. Ness, Rev. G. Ostrem, Rev. Tveit, Rev. K. O. Kandal, Dr. Lavik.

Announcements.

Vesper Service.

Hymn 23.

Meditation based on Phil. 17-18 by Rev. M. S. Johnson.

Hymn 18.

Benediction.

Friday Evening, 8 P.M.

The session opened with the singing of hymn No. 5, Rev. K. Bergsagel presiding. Rev. S. J. Rude led in devotion, reading from Eph. 4: 1-16.

Hymn 27: 1-3.

"Lutheran Unity: Its Foundation" was introduced by Rev. J. Precht.

Hymn 27: 4-5.

"Lutheran Unity: Building on Foundation" was presented by Rev. J. B. Stolee.

Hymn 28.

Announcements and Benediction.

Saturday Morning 9 o'clock.

Norwegian Devotion.

Hymn No. 1.

Prayer by Rev. A. K. Haugen.

Hymn 8: 1-2.

Meditation on Romans 3: 19-28 by Rev. A. K. Odland.

Hymn 8: 3-4.

The minutes were read. Moved and seconded that they be adopted. Carried.

Credential committee reported no new members. It was moved and seconded that Rev. P. Overlid and Dr. N. Willison be made advisory members of convention. Carried.

A letter of greeting was read from Rev. T. J. Langley who was unable to attend the convention.

The Working Committee reported, Rev. J. S. Stolee secretary of the committee reading the report.

I. Centennial.

Dr. A. G. Bergsaker explained the plans

recommended by the Centennial committee of the church.

Dr. J. R. Lavik spoke to the resolution. Moved and seconded and carried that the resolution be referred back to the committee for inclusion of the date of October 24th as the day of congregational observance of the Centennial, and also something regarding the final financial ingathering.

II. Foreign and Home Missions.

Adopted.

III. War Effort.

1. Adopted.
2. Adopted.

IV. Our Schools.

Adopted.

V. Lay Workers.

Rev. K. O. Kandal spoke to resolution. Adopted.

VI. Evangelistic Work.

The following spoke to resolution: Dr. J. A. Aasgaard, Rev. H. L. Urness, Dr. I. Iversen, Dr. J. R. Lavik. Adopted.

It was moved and seconded that we adjourn and meet as Outlook College Corporation. Carried.

Report of Nominating Committee.

Board of Management of Outlook College.

The Nominating Committee nominated Rev. J. T. Dahle to succeed himself for a term of three years.

Moved and seconded that nominations cease. Carried.

Moved and seconded that the secretary cast the unanimous ballot of the convention. Carried.

The secretary cast the unanimous ballot for Rev. J. T. Dahle for member on the Board of Management of Outlook College for a term of three years.

The Nominating Committee nominated Mr. P. G. Henricks to succeed himself for a term of 3 years.

Moved and seconded and carried that nominations cease.

Moved and seconded and carried that the secretary cast the unanimous ballot of the convention.

The secretary cast the unanimous ballot for Mr. P. G. Henricks for member on the Board of Management of Outlook College for a term of 3 years.

It was moved that Rev. M. B. Odland be elected to fill out the term of Rev. B. O. Lokensgard. Carried.

Secretary was instructed to cast unanimous ballot.

The secretary cast the unanimous ballot of the convention for Rev. M. B. Odland for member on the Board of Management of Outlook College for a term of 1 year.

Mr. Roseth asked what was being done about the tax exemption.

Dr. I. Iversen explained what was being done.

Moved and seconded that any action by the convention regarding Outlook College be approved by the corporation. Carried.

Moved and seconded to adjourn as Outlook College Corporation. Carried.

Bible Institute Board.

Nominating Committee nominated Rev. J. T. Dahle to succeed himself for term of 3 years.

Moved and seconded that nominations cease. Carried.

Rev. J. T. Dahle elected.

Rev. H. F. Johnson was nominated for term of 3 years.

Moved and seconded that nominations cease. Carried.

Rev. H. F. Johnson elected.

Rev. M. Odland was nominated for a term of 1 year.

Moved and seconded that nominations cease. Carried.

Rev. M. Odland elected.

Rev. K. Bergsagel was nominated for a term of 2 years.

Moved and seconded that nominations cease. Carried.

Rev. K. Bergsagel elected.

Rev. A. M. Vinge was nominated for a term of 2 years.

Moved and seconded that nominations cease. Carried.

Rev. Vinge elected.

The Home Mission Report was given by Rev. P. Lerseth.

Dr. J. A. Aasgaard then introduced the discussion on Home Missions.

Rev. K. A. Knutson asked where money for Luther Seminary, Saskatoon, should be sent. Dr. Aasgaard advised that they be

sent to Dr. J. R. Lavik.

Resolution IX of the Working Committee report was then taken up. It was adopted.

Announcements.

Hymn 44.

Saturday afternoon.

Hymn 21.

Devotion by Student Galen Morstad who read I Tim. 1.

The following were elected as District Committee on Pension Plan: Rev. K. Bergsagel, Rev. A. K. Odland, Mr. A. G. Vinge, Mr. Bennie Velve, Rev. P. Lerseth.

Working Committee report continued.

Resolution No. I. Centennial.

1. Adopted by rising.

2. Adopted.

3. Adopted.

VII. Old People's Home.

Rev. L. Knudson and Rev. K. O. Kandal spoke to resolution.

Adopted.

VIII. Pastor's Salary.

Adopted.

X. Recommendations for Membership.

1. Mt Olive Lutheran Congregation, Eldesly, Sask.

Moved and seconded that the congregation be received into membership of the church. Carried.

2. Dovre Lutheran Congregation, Rose Valley, Sask.

Adopted.

Report from Committee on Parish Education.

Resolution No I. Adopted.

II. Adopted.

III. Adopted.

IV. Adopted.

V. Adopted.

VI. Adopted.

VII. Adopted.

VIII. Adopted.

The Auditors' Report was given.

Moved and seconded the report be adopted. Carried.

Moved and seconded that the Home Mission Report be adopted. Carried.

Rev. A. M. Vinge, District Stewardship Secretary, brought an inspiring address to the convention.

Dr. A. J. Bergsaker, Financial Secretary of the N.L.C.A. spoke to the convention. Hymn 23:1-4.

Rev. K. Bergsagel introduced the subject: "How the Economic problems of the Community effect our Church work." The following took part in the discussion that followed: Rev. A. H. Solheim, Rev. B. O. Lokensgard, H. Hendrickson, Rev. J. B. Stolee, Rev. J. A. Korshavn, Rev. G. J. Ostrem, Rev. K. O. Kandal.

The Minutes of the meeting were read.

Moved and seconded that the minutes be accepted as read. Carried.

Vesper Service.

Hymn No 4.

Meditation based on Psalm 119:32 by

Rev. M. S. Johnson.

Hymn 20.

Benediction.

Saturday Evening.

Saturday evening session was taken over by the Women's Missionary Federation.

Sunday, 10:00 A.M.

Communion Service in Zion Luth. Chr.

Hymn 97.

Confessional Sermon: Rev. H. Johnson.

Hymn 147.

Hymn 155.

Liturgist: Rev. B. O. Lokensgard.

11:00 A.M.

Convention Centennial Service in Westminster Church.

Preacher: Dr. J. A. Aasgaard.

Liturgist: Rev. B. O. Lokensgard.

The convention offering was lifted at this service.

2:30 P.M.

Hymn 40 and 2

Devotion: Dr. I. Iversen, who read John 10:11ff.

Rev. G. J. Ostrem spoke on and made announcements regarding the Saskatchewan Lutheran Bible Institute.

Hymn 45.

Address: Foreigns Missions, by Rev. Palmer Anderson.

Address: Centennial, by Dr. A. J. Bergsaker.

Hymn 11.

Benediction.

7:30 P.M.

Hymn 8 and 28.

Devotion: Rev. P. Lerseth, who read Psalm 46.

Song by Zion Lutheran Girls' Chorus.

Offertory.

Hymn 42.

Address: "The Church and the Coming Peace." by Prof. Georg Moi.

Song by Zion Lutheran Girls' Chorus.

The resolutions were presented by the Resolution committee. Additions and corrections were made from the floor.

It was moved, seconded and carried that the resolutions be adopted.

It was moved, seconded and carried that the minutes be adopted as read.

It was moved and seconded that Convention be adjourned. Carried.

Closing Prayer by Dr. I. Iversen.

Hymn 48.

Benediction.

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Committee Reports

I. The Centennial.

1. Inasmuch as this is our centennial year, we desire first of all to render thanks to God Almighty for the privilege and opportunity we have had as a church these hundred years, — to work in His Kingdom. In spite of our failures and shortcomings in many ways, God has blessed our humble efforts. So we have reason to praise and glorify His Holy Name!

2. Whereas a united thanksgiving and memorial celebration for our entire church of the one hundredth anniversary of organized work among our Norwegian Lutheran People in America cannot be held this year, be it resolved, that special centennial celebrations be arranged if possible in each congregation or parish on October 24th of this year throughout the district as recommended, and that at least one session of the fall Circuit meeting be set aside for the same purpose, and as far as possible make this a combined session of all the organizations within our church.

3. We pledge ourselves to put forth our best efforts to collect the amount remaining in unpaid pledges, \$12,582.13. We also pledge to do all in our power to approach personally all who have not yet been canvassed to have a part in the centennial thankoffering.

II. Foreign and Home Missions.

Whereas we this year celebrate the centennial of the first missionary sent out from Norway to Africa, it should not only fill our hearts with gratitude to God for these efforts of our fathers, but it should serve as a special incentive among us to be more zealous in fulfilling Christ's command in going into all the world with the glad tidings.

It is with satisfaction we learn that preliminary steps have been taken by our church to extend our mission work to South America and to enlarge our tent in the Home Mission field in sending a missionary to the Alaska Highway.

We urge our people to stand whole heartedly back of our church in its mission program. "Behold, I have set before thee an open door and no man can shut it." This is a challenge to us as individuals and as a church.

III. Our War Effort.

1. Believing that our Lutheran Church has a real contribution to make in the affairs of our nation we resolve to pray for our country, its allies, and even its enemies. We resolve to work and pray that victory over evil in the present war will soon come. We resolve as a church to seek an active part in the establishing of a just peace at the close of this conflict, and that the Church have a word of counsel in the rebuilding of home and community life.

2. Knowing that the greatest service the Church can render in the war effort is in the spiritual field; and, in order that there be no lack of workers here, we instruct the committee on admission to the Seminary, Dr. J. R. Lavik and Dr. Iver Iversen to designate as candidates for the ministry such young men as in their judgement meet the requirements of the Church. Such designation may be made while these men are taking courses preparatory to entering the Seminary.

IV. Our Schools.

We are thankful to God for our schools. (The Lutheran Seminary, Saskatoon; The Bible School at Camrose, Alberta, and Outlook, Sask., and Camrose Lutheran College.) We commend the good work these institutions have been able to do, even in these difficult times. They all need our support and prayers in the days to come.

V. Lay Workers.

The fields are already white unto harvest. We need more workers. Therefore we recommend that each circuit recruit suitable lay members for the work within the circuit.

VI. Evangelistic Work.

Considerable work has been done by the District Committee to secure evangelists to work in our District these last years. But some of the evangelists could stay with us for only a short time.

And inasmuch as there is quite a demand for evangelistic work in our District, and somewhat difficult to secure such workers for a longer time, Therefore be it resolved, that we, as a District, petition our general Home Mission Board to kindly let us have the use of one of our evangelists for a year.

We recommend that a District Committee on evangelistic work be elected for a two-year term. Besides this, we would urge each circuit also to elect an evangelistic committee to work in conjunction with the District Committee.

VII. Old Peoples' Home.

We as church people in Canada District shall follow the example of Jesus, to heal the sick, and help the poor. The old people among us need this aid. Those who have been along since pioneer days, built homes for themselves and families, are worn in body and mind. Many have been along and organized congregations and built churches. Now they need bodily and spiritual help, so a good and pleasant home is really needed.

The Committee commends the work of the Board of Charities in raising funds for a new building for an Old Peoples' Home and recommends that a more intensive drive be made throughout our District at this time to increase this fund.

VIII. Pastors' Salaries.

As referred to in the District President's report, it is to be regretted that, in these times of higher cost of living many of our Pastors have to struggle along on very small salaries.

We appreciate that some parishes or individual congregations have increased the Pastor's salary lately. — That is fine and commendable.

But of those who have not done this as yet, we would kindly ask that this important problem be taken up for consideration soon.

IX. Pension Plan.

We recommend that the District comply with the request of the Pension Board of the Church, that a Committee of five be elected to speed the process of bringing all pastors and congregations into the Pension Plan.

X. Application for Membership.

1. We recommend, that Mount Olive Ev. Lutheran Congregation, Eldersly, Sask., be received into membership of our District.

2. Regarding Dovre Ev. Lutheran Congregation, Rose Valley, Sask., we recommend, that this congregation be accepted into membership of our District, when they, — as promised, — have changed Article III, paragraph 3, in their constitution.

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Addenda to District President Iver Iversen's Report

Resignations.

Since my report was written the following pastors have resigned: Rev. E. O. Walker, Crooked River, to become chaplain in the Canadian Army. Rev. J. A. Berge, Melville, to accept call in Montana. Rev. B. O. Lokensgard, Saskatoon, to accept call in Iowa. Rev. I. J. Saugen, chaplain in the Canadian Army, has resigned from Trinity Congregation, Calgary.

Death.

May 13, 1943, P. B. Anderson of Bardo, Alberta, died. P. B. Anderson has been one of the prominent laymen of our church whose influence was widely felt. He was a son of the pioneer pastor in Canada, Rev. Bersvend Anderson, and has given two of his children to the service of our Church, Missionary Palmer Anderson and Mrs. George Hendrickson. P. B. Anderson was for a number of years a member of our Church Council. His departure calls for a suitable resolution from the District.

(To be concluded)

Jeg er den gode Hyrde.

Joh. 10:11

THE SHEPHERD

Hyrden

JEG ER DØREN TIL FAARENE. Joh. 10:7.

Den gode Hyrde setter sit

liv til for faarene.

Joh. 10:11

Winnipeg, Manitoba, Første Nr. i Juli, 1943.

3de søndag efter Trefoldighet HAN ER RIK PAA MISKUND- HET OG KJÆRLIGHET

Evang. Luk. 15, 11—24

Av sogneprest J. HESLA.

Naar jeg leser teksten om den fortapte søn, kommer den tanken for mig: At han dog skulde være saa egenraadig og gaa bort! Om han bare var blitt hjemme hos far! Hvor mye ondt og saart han da vilde været spart for. Aa, hvor sørgelig at han gik. Om han bare hadde lydt fars gode og kjærlige raad!

Han samlet alt sit og drog til et land langt borte, heter det om ham. Intet kunde holde ham tilbake. Landet langt borte fortonte sig vel til at begynde med fagert og lokkende. Her var det saa frit i alle dele. Og saa gik han lenger og lenger. Saa lenge det var noget igjen av arven hjemmefra, gik det vel forholdsvis bra. Men hvordan det nu end var, det gik stadig nedover, — kan hende for ham selv umerkelig. Til slut sattes alt over styr. Han sank — alltid dypere.

Hvor han var blitt ukjendelig! Fillet og elendig. Uren og smussig til sjel og krop. Med det skye blik vendt nedad. Og dette var ham som engang hadde været saa aapen i blikket og saa ren i sindet. Hvilken uhyggelig forandring! Ja, hvad sies ikke i ordene: Hans attraa var at fylde bug med de skolmer som svinen aat.

La mig faa si til den unge som maatte lese disse linjer: La intet faa lede dig bort fra din himmelske far! Vit dog: Verden gir ikke hvad den lover. Og synden som kan synes bedaarende, trekker alltid ned — dens løn er døden. Ja evig død, om der ikke blir omvendelse.

Den fortape søns lykke midt i al elendigheten var, at han vaanet — han kom til sig selv. Gud være lov! Mindet om fars hus dukket op for ham. Fars kjærlighet hadde han ikke kunnet glemme. Han maatte mindes hvad han hadde eiet dengang han var hjemme hos far. Hvor fars hjem i al sin kjærlighet og straaleglans stod levende for ham. Jeg undres om han ikke graat ved tanken paa hvad han dog hadde mistet!

Hvilket spendende øieblik i hans liv! Hvor det maatte ha staat en svær kamp i hans sind! Paa den ene side: Fristelsen til at anse det for haapløst at vaage sig hjem. Han hadde dog forsmådd hjemmet og gaat bort. Hans stilling var selvforstyldt. Det kan aldrig nytte at gaa hjem! Og saa paa den anden side: Mindet om fars kjærlighet kunde han aldrig slippe. Den hadde aldigi spurt etter det som var fortjent. Altid hadde den været overflødig — ja uten grense. Det var jo fars skik alltid at hjelpe, redde og frelse, og det helt gratis, uten at spørre etter værdighet eller slikt.

Saa vaaget han beslutningen. Jeg vil staa op og gaa til min far og si: Far, jeg har syndet. Jeg er ikke værdig lenger til at kaldes din søn!

Hvilken lykke at han vaaget at gaa hjem. Det blev hans redning! Han blev mottatt. Det blev glede og fryd i fars hjerte. Det blev fest, ja straalende fest!

Ingen bebreidelse, bare overøst med kjærlighet og godhet. Findes ikke ord sterke nok til at skildre hvad som skedde. Gudommelig kjærlighet — grenseløs godhet, mødte ham. Aa, du al naadens Gud. Modta vor tilbedelse og tak!

Kjære leser, slik er Gud ogsaa nu. I Kristus Jesus møter han dig og mig med den kjærlighet som ikke spør etter fortjeneste og værdighet. Maa vi bare la os overøse av hans kjærlighets fylde, av hans naades rikdom!

Men du maa ikke flykte fra ham. Vi maa følge samvittighetens mindelse og Aandens draging paa hjertet. Vi maa være i fars hus — være hjemme hos ham. Daglig tilstaa: Jeg er skyldig. "Intet kan jeg bringe dig, til dit kors jeg klynger mig!" Jeg faar staa dekket i klippens kløft. Kjærligheten som er sterkere end døden blir grundvolden.

Og saa blir det tak og bøn. Din er jeg, — bevar mig, o Gud! Hjelp mig til at være en lydig søn.

"Thi saa mange som drives av Guds aand, disse er Guds børn".

Romerbrevet 8:14.

Jeg har ofte maatte stanse her og ransage mig selv om det er Guds kraft som er drivkraften i mit liv eller ei. Hvordan staar det til med eder som leser disse linjer? I menigheds lemmer, søndagsskole lerere, predikanter og de som driver andre gjøremål inden kirken, hvad tykkes I? Er det Kristi kjærlighet som driver ind i dette kirkearbeide, eller er det verdens aand?

Jeg er red for at det er verdens aand som er den største drivkraft i meget av dette strev. Jeg har lagt merke til at i nok-saa store menigheter er der mange kristne som gaar til nadverdbordet paa søndagene men paa bønnemøderne er der nesten ingen. Er det Guds aand som holder dem hjemme? Jeg vet av erfaring at satan ikke liker at Guds børn kommer sammen i bøn til Gud.

Andre steder har de ikke bønnemøder ei heller søndags skole. Naar presten kommer og døber de smaa, konfirmerer ungdommen, begraver de døde, og prediker for dem hver anden eller tredje uke, saa er det nok. Skal vi slaa os til ro her?

Kjære medbrødre og søstre i Herren, Hvordan føler du naar du ser at folk inden og udenom kirken—foreldre og barn gaar haand i haand til en evig fortabelse? Er du lige glad og fornøiet? Dine egne barn som gaar paa helvedes rand, hvor mange netter har du ligget vaaken i bøn til Gud at han maatte frelse dem? Hvad er drivkraften i dit liv og i dit hjem? Jesus siger: "Søg først Guds rike og hans retferdighet saa skal alle andre ting tillegges eder."

Hvorfor skulde vi ikke tro hvad han har sagt? Hvorfor er her saa mange som gaar og klynker og klager og strever i egen kraft—baade timelig og aandelig—saa koldhed og ligegyldighet leger sig over os som en mare og grjør os magtesløs aandelig talt?

Det er med stor sorg i mit hjerte naar jeg ser paa stillingen iblandt os i den Lutherske kirke der hvor jeg er best kjent. En prest sagde at det er meget galt med forkyndelsen nu for tiden—ja det er ligesom brodden i Guds ord er borte. Synes mig det er let at tale om Guds naade og Kristi kjærlighet, men preke om synd, da blir det en anden sag. Guds ord lerer os at Jesus brukt ikke silkehansker naar han talte om synd. Jesus sa at de eret ham med munnen, men at hjertet var langt fra ham. Slig er det ogsaa idag. Kirken er fuld av saadanne makstukkne mennesker — mange i egenretferdighet og andre i ligegyldighet. Er det ikke muligt at disse kan reddes? Det er bare disse som nar navnet i livsens bog som skal bli frelst. Men Jesus har a lagt en klar vei for os. Han har betalt for alles synder. Det er bare at tage imod. Er du paa den brede eller den smale vei? Et ord til eder min brødre:

Sommeren er her, gresset gror, der er fuglesang til Guds ere. Maate det bli vaar og vekst for os ogsaa i aandelig henseende. Lad os trede frem for Guds trone med bøn om vekkelse. Der er mange møter igjennem sommeren. La os bede at den helligaand maa vere drivkraften i preken, bønnemøter, søndagsskoler, og andre sammenkomster. Visdom og lærdeom omvender ingen—det er den Helligaand som maa vere den drivende magt.

Det er nok arbeide for baade leg og lerd. Men saa lenge legmandsvirksomheden er tilsidesat, saa bliver døden til følge. Det har vi seet følgen av i de svundne aar. Det tar ikke høilerde mend og kvinder til at lede fortapte sjele til Kristus. Det tar de som har Kristi kjærlighet i sit hjerte og er drevet av Guds aand.

Jesus valgte ikke skriftlerde at forkynde evangeliet, men han velgte nogle uanseelige fiskere som ingenting var i de høitstaendes øine. Saa er det ogsaa idag. Saa lad os glemme hvem som er stor eller liden, leg eller lerd, og arbeide for sjeles frelse ved Guds aands ledelse i Kristi kjærlighet. Gud lad det lykkes.

—G. G. Gabrielsen.

Seier i kraft av Lammets blod

Blek, avkreftet og lidende laa hun der paa det provisoriske sykehuset, — gammel, ussel, hjelpeløs. Aarene hadde været mange og tunge, sykdom hadde herjet. Saa kom krigen. Paakjendingen blev større end før, nu var det jordiske hus ved at bryte sammen.

Men hun hadde en bolig i himmelen. Derfor lyste det saa vakkert til i de ellers saa matte øinene naar Jesu navn blev nevnt. Og derfor kjendtes det ogsaa saa fredfullt og godt at komme ind paa rummet der hun laa. Det var noe av himmelen der inde. For Jesus var der. Her laa jo en av hans.

Nu lengtet hun, efter at overkles. "Han kommer nok snart," sa hun og lyste op.

Saa var det en søndag ettermiddag. Det hadde været andakt ute paa gangen — for aapne døre. Evangeliet hadde lydt: "Av naade er I frelst!"

I sengen ret mot døren inde paa den store hjørnesalen laa hun nu, med sol fra to vinduer om sig. De hadde flyttet hende. Støvhytten var nok skrøpelig, men hun kjendte os da igjen. To kraftløse, klamme hender grep tak om den haand som blev rakt frem til hilsen. Den venstre slap igjen, famlet og mot halsgropa idet hun forsøkte at snakke:

"Jeg er her enda!" Det kom saa hæst. Og efter en liten pause:

"Det er saa svært — at dø. — Det er saa mye — at gjøre op — efter et langt liv — saa mye jeg ikke har set — som synd — før nu foran dødens port."

Det var helt stille en stund. Hun laa med lukkede øine. Saa grep hun likesom nyt tak, øinene aapnet sig:

"Men han sa jo det, presten, at det var av naade. — Det sa han. — Av naade —!"

Henderne klemte til. Det brendte svart i halvslukte øine:

"Tør jeg tro det?" "Ja! Det tør De tro! For Jesu skyld!" Et svakt tryk av henderne. De famlet ikke lenger i uro, men gled stille ned paa teppet, fandt ind i hverandre, foldet sig. Øinene gled i.

"Av naade! — Da er det en vei — og saa for mig. — Tak, Jesus!"

Det var vel en ukes tid senere, en regntung kveldstime. Hun levte enda. Presten hadde sittet ved sengen hendes, han hadde sagt hende ord fra Gud, hadde bedt. Da begyndte han at sgyne:

Du, o Jesus, død for mig, det er korsets gaate. Tankens bedste visdom ei kan de runer raade. Hjertet saare let forstaar naar i jubeltakt det slaar. Naade over naade.

Uforskyldt av kjærlighet, naade over naade. Jesus hele straffen led, naade over naade! Fast jeg hviler kun deri: Helt ved blodet frelst og fri! Naade over naade.

Sangen vad slut. Presten bøiet sig ned til den syke:

"Hørte De hvad det blev sunget nu? Helt ved blodet frelst og fri! — Det gjelder Dem det! Jesu blod renser fra al synd!"

Saa sa vi farvel, en for en. Det var nok for sidste gang, det skjønnte vi jo. Hendes nærmeste var allerede budsendt.

Ord blir saa usigelig fattige, slike stunder. Saa eier en ikke mer end et hviskende "Guds fred" til farvel, og stryker forsiktig over de kolde, blodløse henderne som holder saa fast. Men grepet løsner ikke ved det, holder igjen. Leperne rører sig, hun hvisker med besvær:

"Helt ved blodet — frelst og fri — frelst og fri —"

"Helt ved blodet — frelst og fri — frelst og fri —"

Da aapnet døren sig endnu en gang, — de er saa mørke, fuktige, uten fasthet i

HUSANDAKTEN

La Kristi ord bo rikelig hos eder, saa I lærer og formaner hverandre i all visdom med salmer og lovsanger og aandelige viser. Kol. 3, 16.

I dette vers siktes jo til Ordets daglige bruk i det hele. Men la mig nu først og fremst faa anvende det paa husandakten. Den er sikkert ikke saa meget i bruk nu som for 50 aar siden. Og det røber en betydelig skade i vaar tids kristendom, enten det nu er travelhet eller menneskefrykt, som hindrer den daglige husandakt.

Kjære husfar og husmor! Sørg for at det ikke gaar en dag uten at I samler alle i eders hus om Guds ord. Finn den tid da det er lettest aa samle alle. Og la dem alle forstaa at det er maktpaaliggende for eder at alle er med.

Det er ikke lett aa holde en daglig andakt i sitt hus. Det daglige er alltid vanskelig for oss. Vær derfor paa vakt saa det ikke blir noget forretningsmessig og slurvet over din husandakt.

Og glem ikke at hvis husandakten skal bli til velsignelse, saa maa du be hver dag for den. Paa samme maate som du ber for et møte som du skal delta i.

Forsøk aa gjøre husandakten til en feststund, med felles sang. Skaff derfor sangbøker, saa alle kan være med i sangen. Og syng ikke stadig de samme vers eller sanger. Velg gode salmer og sanger. Og ta hensyn til melodiene saa alle kan synge med. La i det hele sangen faa en bred plass i den daglige husandakt.

Prøv aa faa husandakten til aa samle eders daglige liv og arbeide i hjemmet. Ikke bare saa, at I alle da sitter stille sammen. Men ennu mere saa, at du i din bønn tar med det som den dag optar eder eller iallfall nogen av eder.

La alle, baade smaa og store, baade barn og tjenere og gjester forstaa og kjenne, at du føler for dem og bærer dem frem for Gud ogsaa i denne hjemmets fellesbønn. Det vil binde eder sammen mere enn noget annet. Det vil gjøre eders hjem til en liten bønnemenighet.

Og i denne lille husmenighet er du av Gud ansatt som prest. Takk for denne betroelse. Og be ham hver dag om aa være tro i denne hellige tjeneste.

Det vil koste meget aa være prest for dem som ser dine daglige svakheter og forømmelser og forgaaelser. Og mange har av den grunn oppgitt husandakten. Men bli du ved, og ydmyg dig baade for Gud og for dine husfeller, saa skal du faa se, at just den daglige husandakt vil bli dig en daglig hjelp i helliggjørelsen. Den gjør dig forsiktig og aktpaagivende. Og den driver dig inn til Gud.

—O Hallesby.

Det finnes forskjellige maater aa hevde sig paa. Man kan gjøre det ved aa yde en innsats. Man kan ogsaa gjøre det ved aa redusere sine medmennesker.

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Aa bli en kristen det er som aa rulle op gardinet og la solen skinne inn.

—J. J. Jansen.

blikket lenger; men det svartner til som i angst i dem. Henderne griper alt haardere tak. Hæst kommer det omsider:

"Gjelder det mig?"

"Ja! Det gjelder Dem! For Jesu skyld! — Tak ham for det!"

"Helt ved blodet — frelst og fri —! Tak, — Jesus!"

Og øinene lukker sig atter, — i fred. Henderne slipper villig. — Var det satans sidste angrep? Like ved dødens port! — Hvor er han ikke ivrig i at forfølge sit bytte! Han skyter sine pile i hjertet, dypt og dirrende, saa det rædde, jagede Guds barn i stor nøde ikke vet sig noen raad, men roper ut i angst naar naaden i Kristus tilbys: Gjelder det mig? Tør jeg tro det!

Satan, dine pile naar ikke frem lenger! Nu gik den du jaget, ind over evighetens grense til himmelens land. Og der heter det om hende: Hun har seiret i kraft av Lammets blod; derfor er hun for Guds trone! — Helvede, hvor er nu din seier?

Gud være tak som gir os seier ved vor Herre Jesus Kristus! —H. S.

A Comparison

I thought of it once as I sat by myself
And looked at the boxes that stood on the
One so large; one so small— [shelf—
A contrast most grim!
A band box for me; a mite box for Him.
I had paid for my hat; I had paid for my
gown.
I had paid for the furs that I purchased
downtown....
And when I came home it was plain as
could be
A mite box for Him; a band box for me.

Alaska And The War

All Alaska is a defense area. Army and Navy control shipping and travel. Mail is censored. Eskimos are drafted into the Army. Home guards, air raid wardens, plane spotters and other units guard Eskimo villages.

Our last frontier, Alaska, will after the war be close to the States by land, sea, and air.

Thousands of service men will remain there after having tasted frontier life.

Other thousands will flock with you to Alaska to satisfy that life-long urge.

"Pray ye therefore the Lord of the Harvest" that the gospel may go with the new people into "The Great Country."

E. H. Dahle.

Will not the dollars that are rolling northward through our Cradle Roll Department help pave the way for blessing, even for our own boys as well as for bringing Christ to the Eskimos themselves?

Program Pointers

Scripture Lesson: I Chron. 16:7-36.

Hymn Suggestion:

Lutheran Hymnary 11 or 26.

Among the old Norwegian hymns is one which begins with the fervent wish, "O, that I had a thousand tongues to hymn my great Redeemer's praise." The picture suggested to one with a lively imagination is an amusing one, but the sentiment behind the strange old song is the sentiment of the true worshipper of God who wants to offer his all to the praise of God—and regrets only that his tribute must be limited by his human limitations.

All through Scripture, the spontaneous reply of the believer has been song. "Sing ye to the Lord," cried Miriam (Ex. 15:21) to the wandering Israelites in the desert, "for he hath triumphed gloriously." And in the day of the Second Coming, we are told in Rev. 15:2-3, the saved shall "sing the song of the Lamb, saying, Great and marvellous are thy works, Lord God Almighty."

What are these songs? Certainly they are not intended to be exhibitions of artistic technique. No, first and foremost, they are to be the spontaneous overflow of a heart that loves God. The story is told of how a group of American soldiers, coming exhausted and unkempt from front line fighting in the South Pacific, as the chaplain, conducting a service, began the singing of "Rock of Ages", went at once—not to their tents for rest nor to the mess kitchen for much needed food—but to the singing group to raise their voices also in song to God. They sang, not because "Rock of Ages" is a beautiful song with fine harmonies and lovely words, but because they knew from experience what this Rock of Ages meant, as the shells fell round them. The song to God is a song of the individual heart.

Experience is a jewel, and it had need be so, for it is often purchased at an infinite rate. —Shakespeare.

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It is not enough to have a sound mind; the principal thing is to make good use of it. —Descartes.

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It is hard for an empty bag to stand upright. —Benjamin Franklin.

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**"Jehovah our God will we serve
and unto His voice will we
hearken".**

(Joshua 24:24).

"Like a mighty army
Moves the Church of God;
Brother, we are treading
Where the saints have trod;
We are not divided,
All one body we,
One in hope and doctrine,
One in charity.

Onward then, ye people,
Join our happy throng,
Blend with ours your voices
In the triumph song;
Glory, laud, and honor
Unto Christ, the King;
This thro' countless ages
Men and angels sing."

"Unto Him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think according to the power that worketh in us, Unto Him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus, through all ages, world without end."

(Eph. 3:20)



Mrs. Fredricka Tenold Honored.

Immediately following the regular morning service on Mothers' Day, May 9th, the Salem Ladies' Aid and congregation, Rev. A. K. Haugen, Torquay, Sask., pastor, gave a program in honor of Salem's oldest mother, Mrs. Fredricka Tenold. After a few opening remarks by pastor Haugen, the Salem choir sang, "Moder" and "Barndoms Minder." Mrs. Horace Johnson, the Ladies' Aid president, speaking for the members, expressed their gratitude to God for His blessings through faithful pastors and sturdy forefathers, and voiced their appreciation of Mrs. Tenold's faithful service. Mr. Olaf Fonstad, who has known her from earliest childhood, brought greetings from the congregation. Mr. A. Pederson of Trinity congregation, where Grandma Tenold now often worships, sang one of her favorite hymns, "O at jeg kunde min Jesus prise." There were also very fitting songs and recitations by the grandchildren. At the Membership Certificate from the Salem Lutheran Ladies' Aid of which she is the only surviving charter member.

It was at her home that the Salem Ladies' Aid was organized in the fall of 1906. It was on her shoulders the responsibility of the society chiefly rested during those trying pioneer years. She was for several years its president, and is still an active member.

At the reception held at the Horace Johnson home, following the program at the church, Mrs. Tenold was presented of with a packet of greetings from friends far and near.

Grandma Tenold is nearly 78 years young and still active in the work of the Kingdom. Her radiant and christian personality are still an inspiration to all who know her. God bless Grandma Tenold!

Mrs. A. K. H.

Camrose Circuit Convention.

The convention held by the Camrose circuit W.M.F. at the Camrose Lutheran Church on May 29th was well attended and a blessed time was had by all. Missionary Cora Martinson was the main speaker.

Opening devotionals were led by Rev. Solheim, followed by a welcome address by Mrs. Magnuson, local Ladies' Aid president.

The Scandia chorus sang two songs, "Built on a Rock" and "Now Thank We All Our God."

Miss Cora Martinson then spoke on the subject, "My Homeward Journey from China," a most interesting and challenging topic. She felt convinced that only by the guidance and protection of the Divine Hand did they reach home safely. They left by aeroplane and stopped in Burma, and at Calcutta, India. One thing she especially took note of while in Calcutta was a sun worshipper and his son, praying to their idol, the sun. They chanted for a full forty-five minutes to a non-living God. What a challenge to us who worship the Living God. How much time do we spend in prayer? An escort vessel guided them across the ocean. She compared this with a christian life. How much simpler our lives would be if we would but listen to and follow the guidance of our Heavenly Father. She also spoke of the 160 young Chinese who were with them on the boat.

The morning session of the convention closed with a vocal duet by Rev. and Mrs. Haave, "Shepherd of One Fold Is He."

After the dinner served by the Camrose Ladies' Aid, the afternoon session was opened with devotionals led by Rev. Haave, followed by a song by Inez Hall and Evelyn Broden, of Rosebush.

The topic of Missions was presented, divided into three sub-topics:

Missions in the cities — Mrs. Kandal, Wetaskiwin.

Missions on Rural Frontiers should have been presented by Mrs. Phillips who was unable to attend.

Missions through Christian Welfare Work — Mrs. Haave, Edberg.

Mrs. Vold and Mrs. Erickson of Asker sang two songs, followed by a reading by "Bless This House."

The Ladies' Chorus of Camrose sang, "Bless This House."

During the business session the usual reports were read and adopted. The election of officers resulted as follows: Pres. Mrs. E. Haave, Edberg; Vice-pres.—Mrs. B. Skaret, Armana; Secretary—Mrs. L. S. Olson, Armana; Treasurer—Mrs. O. Ervick, Weta-skiwin.

The various secretaries elected were: Mission Box—Mrs. R. Brager, Ohaton; Cradle Roll—Mrs. R. Lysing, Armana.; Thankoffering—Mrs. John Vikse, Donald; In Memoriam—Mrs. L. Grue, Hay Lakes; Historian—Mrs. A. Kallevig, Morrin; Box Work—Mrs. K. O. Eggen, Bawlf.

The directors are: Mrs. Kraft, Ponoka, Mrs. Bartrud, Holden; Mrs. Lerohl, Weta-skiwin; Miss Kringen, Kingman, and Mrs. J. E. Olson, Camrose.

A song, "Face to Face" was rendered by the Wetaskiwin Ladies' Chorus. The meeting was closed with the installation of the new officers and the singing of the Federation song.

The offering amounted to \$45.33.

—Mrs. L. Olson, Sec'y.

Edmonton Circuit W.M.F.
Convention

The W.M.F. of the Edmonton circuit met for their annual convention at the Amisk Creek Church, Rev. A. M. Vinge's parish, June 5th, Mrs. P. Bjornson, president, presiding.

The theme for the convention was, "Our Church is Built." Rev. A. M. Vinge's opening sermonette, "Thy Kingdom Come" was based on Luke 17:20-21 and Romans 14:17. He stressed the importance of living within the "Kingdom of Grace" on earth before we could hope to enter the "Kingdom of Glory" when we die. Evangelist Lokken, as second speaker, paid tribute to the pioneers of the first one hundred years of our church and urged us to continue in the faith of our forefathers. His text was Hebrews 13:7.

Mrs. Geo. Hendrickson gave the third topic, "What is Most Needed for the Kingdom of Today", based on Luke 12:32. She said "probably the greatest need of today is a christian motherhood and a more intense christian living and prayer in our homes. Also a greater appreciation of the things we have in a land where we can

worship the true God at our own free will and make use of all the opportunities that are open unto us."

Mrs. L. Grosland developed the topic under "Christian Nurture", stressing the vital need of christian mothers she outlined the important duties of a mother in bringing up a child in the christian faith, and the many ways in which this can be done.

The reports of the various Dept. Secretaries were very encouraging and showed a splendid increase.

Music throughout was provided by the various Ladies' Aids represented. A vote of thanks was extended to Mrs. Bjornson, retiring president, for her faithful and excellent service during her four years as circuit president.

Officers for 1943: President, Mrs. J. Holte, Kingman, Alta., Vicepresident, Mrs. P. Olson, Edmonton; Sec.-Treas., Mrs. C. Erickson, Tofield.

Dept. Secretaries: Mission Box, Mrs. A. Haukedal, Tofield; Thankoffering, Mrs. A. Moen, Tofield; Life Memb. and In Mem., Mrs. H. S. Peterson, Viking; Cradle Roll, Mrs. N. Sand, Edmonton; Box Work, Mrs. Birkness, Sedgewick, Historian, Mrs. D. Ireland, Ryley; Christian Nurture, Mrs. L. Grosland, Holden; Reading Project, Mrs. A. Pedel, Irma.

We thank God for the inspiration, zeal and blessings He has bestowed upon us throughout this convention.

Mary Erickson, Sec'y.

Edmonton Circuit L.D.R.
Convention

The L.D.R. circuit convention was held in conjunction with the W.M.F. at Amisk Creek, Rev. Vinge's call, on Saturday, June 5th, 1943.

The convention opened with devotional exercises, followed by words of welcome by Mrs. C. Patterson.

The Ryley L.D.R. gave a musical number.

Rev. Vinge spoke on the convention theme, "Thy Kingdom Come". He emphasized that this Kingdom of righteousness, peace and joy exists within us from baptism. Three young members of the Ryley L.D.R. gave a musical selection.

Resolution, registration, and nominating committees were elected. Miss Irene Rude, district president, gave an interesting illustrated talk on the L.D.R. projects.

The afternoon session was opened with a hymn and Mrs. B. Anderson led in devotion. A duet by Mrs. Grue and Mrs. Odland of Edmonton followed.

Evangelist Lokken continued the convention theme speaking on "Thy Kingdom with us for a Hundred Years." He mentioned personalities in the Kingdom such as Elling Eielsen, and Clausen, and paid special tribute to a local pioneer pastor, Bersvend Anderson. He laid special emphasis on the great heritage which is ours as followers of praying pioneers. The audience joined in singing, "God's Word is our Great Heritage."

After a trio by the Bardo W.M.F. the L.D.R. again gathered in the basement. Mrs. Bert Loken led a Bible Study on "The Abundant Life" — how it is received, hindrances to the life, and marks of the life.

Three girls from Bardo sang, "I Love To Tell The Story."

The topic, "The L.D.R. Covenant" was to have been given by four locals in the circuit. Edmonton and Bardo only were represented by Mrs. Odland and Alice Broughton who spoke on the first four sections.

Reports were given by the registration, resolution and nominating committees. Officers elected were: President, Olga Kirk-lund, Ryley; Vice-Pres., Eileen Moe, Edmonton; Sec.-Treas., Glenda Solveson, Viking; Historian, Muriel Finseth, Bardo.

A very interesting report by the district historian, Mrs. Loken, followed. She exhibited a chart which shows the early beginnings and later progress of the local and circuit L.D.R. groups. Supplemented by snapshots and a historical book this should prove a treasure in the future. Let us all send contributions to Mrs. Loken!

After the convention offering a hymn brought the meeting to a close.

—Alice M. Broughton.